

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006, the Examiner objected to claim 1 due to an informality and rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by PCT Patent Publication No. WO 02/07269 A2 (Yamaguchi). By the present amendment, applicants have amended claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are now pending in this application.

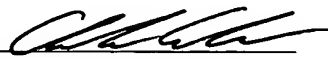
Applicant have amended claim 1 to add the letter "A" in front of the phrase "memory card" in order to eliminate the formality objected to by the Examiner. In addition, applicants have corrected an incorrect dependency in claim 4.

With respect to the Examiner's § 102(b) rejection, applicants respectfully submit that the spring structure (72) of Yamaguchi is no more relevant than that of the prior art described and shown in Figure 15 of the present application. Such prior art spring structure is a cantilevered beam - fixed at one end and free at the other. As such, it is formed out of an opening in the side wall but is integral with only one edge of the opening. On the other hand, applicants' claimed spring structure is integral with the side wall plate at opposite edges of the opening from which it is formed. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's reliance on Yamaguchi for the § 102(b) rejection is misplaced.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection and submit that each of the claims is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation would facilitate the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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